

**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF NICARAGUA
FOR DOGS AND CATS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The dogs or cats must be accompanied by a health certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian, and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The dog/cat was examined and found to be healthy and free of any clinical signs of infectious disease. Note: In general this examination should be conducted within 2 weeks of the departure date.
2. During the 30 days prior to embarkation, the animals did not receive any immunogenic treatment.
3. The animals were vaccinated against rabies no more than 365 days and not less than 30 days prior to embarkation. Indicate the date of immunization and the trade name of product used.
4. During the 30 days prior to embarkation, the animals were treated for endo- and ecto-parasites with products approved by the country of origin.
5. The animals were inspected at the time of embarkation by a veterinary official of the country of origin, who found them free of fresh wounds or wounds in the process of healing, as well as free from ecto-parasites.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

1. See Certification Statement No. 3
2. Animals over 4 months old must be vaccinated against rabies.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. It is recommended that a Federal APHIS FORM 7001 (AUG 94), U.S. Interstate and International Certificate for Small Animals be used.
2. The accompanying health certificate should be made out at least in duplicate.
3. The health certificate does NOT need to be signed by a Notary Public, nor does it need to be stamped by the Nicaraguan Consular office.
4. Animals exported in commercial lot numbers must be accompanied by an import permit. Personal pet dogs or cats do not need an import permit, but a quarantine permit must be obtained at the Nicaraguan airport upon arrival.
5. The rabies vaccination certificate should accompany the health documents.